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This paper is in response to the Interview Summary mailed June 3, 2009, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on July 3, 2009. Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the personal interview on June 2, 2009 with Applicants' representatives and inventor. The Interview Summary mailed June 3, 2009 provides an accurate description of the substance of the interview. Possible further amendments clarifying movement of the proximal portion of the device relative to the distal portion were discussed. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

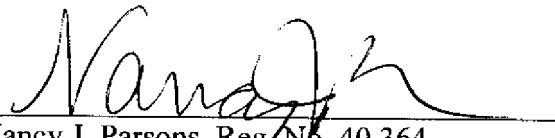
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